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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed with a Request for Continued Examination in the case, so it is timely filed without payment of a fee. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

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One (1) U.S. patent and three (3) foreign patent documents are listed on the attached one (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A which is made a part hereof. A copy of each is enclosed. Also enclosed, but not listed on the form, is a copy of a search report from the European Patent Office on application 00 250 344.9, which is based on the same German application as this US application. The EPO search report is dated 30

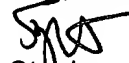
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The European search report is in the German language, and cites six references. Two cited references are not listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, since they were cited previously in this case. They are EP 0 923 953 A, cited previously as Reference AE and EP 0 824 900 A, cited previously as Reference AD.

Of the references cited herein, all are in English except for Reference BD, which is in German. No known English equivalent is available, but an English language abstract from the European Patent Office website is enclosed with the reference.

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